

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1, 14-16, 18, 20-26 and 28-51 are pending in the application, with 1, 14, 16, 18, 21, 30, and 49-51 being the independent claims. Claims 2-13, 17, 19, and 27 were previously canceled. Claims 1, 14-16, 18, 20-22, and 28-51 are amended. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter and their entry is respectfully requested.

Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Claim Objections

In paragraph 5 on page 4 of the Office Action claims, 16, 18, 21, 33, 36, 39, 42, 45, and 48 were objected to because of grammatical informalities. These claims have been amended above, and thus Applicants assert that this objection is now moot. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the objections be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

In paragraph 7 on page 4 of the Office Action, claims 1, 14-16, 18, 20-26 and 28-51 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,862,325 to Reed et al. (hereinafter Reed). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection, and request that it be withdrawn.

Differences exist between Reed and the claimed embodiments of the present invention. For example, claim 1 recites the following:

maintaining state information on behalf of the second device, wherein the state information is data representative of at least one resource of the second device.

Furthermore, claim 1 also recites the following:

processing said event on the second device based at least on the state information to recover the data object in a format suitable to the second device.

Reed does not teach or suggest these features of claim 1.

Because Reed does not teach each and every element of claim 1, claim 1 is not anticipated by Reed. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 1 is patentable over Reed, for at least these reasons. Furthermore, independent claims 14, 16, 18, 21, 30, and 49-51 are also patentable over Reed for reasons similar to those for claim 1, and further in view of their own features. Claims 28 and 31-33, which depend from claim 1, claims 15 and 34-36 which depend from claim 14, claims 37-39 which depend from claim 16, claims 20 and 40-42 which depend from claim 18, claims 22-26, 29, and 43-45 which depend from claim 21, and claims 46-48 which depend from claim 30 are also patentable over Reed for at least the reasons regarding their respective independent claim, and further in view of their own features. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 1, 14-16, 18, 20-26 and 28-51 be reconsidered and withdrawn.

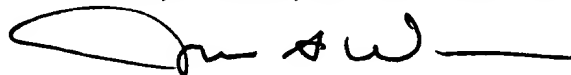
Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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